

CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES, INC.

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Written testimony of Matthew V. Barrett, Executive Vice President, Connecticut Association of Health Care Facilities (CAHCF) in support of H.B. No. 5226 (RAISED) AN ACT INCREASING THE PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE FOR CERTAIN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY RESIDENTS.

Good afternoon Senator Ayala, Representative Serra and to the members of Aging Committee. My name is Matthew V. Barrett, Executive Vice President of the Connecticut Association of Health Care Facilities (CAHCF), our state's one hundred and sixty-seven (167) member trade association and advocacy organization of skilled nursing facilities and rehabilitation centers. Thank you for this opportunity to offer testimony this afternoon in support H.B. No. 5226 (RAISED) AN ACT INCREASING THE PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE FOR CERTAIN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY RESIDENTS.

We believe the harmful cut to the nursing facility resident personal fund allowance should be restored to \$72 (\$12.00 increase) including an annual cost of living adjustment. In small ways, these funds go a long way toward enhancing the quality experience our resident have in our homes. I understand these cuts were made for financial reasons in State Fiscal Year 2011. However, there is a strong policy basis for their restoration at this time. We urge the committee to advance this legislation.

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